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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I've read the first half of the Complaint

http://www.usdoj.gov/atr/cases/f1700/1763.htm (5/18/1998), and the latest proposed settlement to remedy the monopolistic behavior of Microsoft. As a professional in the creative field, I will be watching this case with baited breath, hoping to see Microsoft brought to a real, long lasting justice.

Please remedy this matter in a way that seeds new hope for competing software to flourish. Forcing Microsoft to re-introduce Java into it's OS would be a good start, suspending their exclusive relationships with OEM's would go a long way as well. Perhaps forcing them to port their Office suite to the Linux OS would be the ultimate way to shake things up.

I'm no lawyer, and even I can see the loopholes of the current proposal that the remaining nine states are refusing to sign off on. We need something CONCRETE!

Thank You,

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